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Commanding Officer's Corner – July 2010

Battle Cats and Family,

It's been a busy spring for the squadron. We began with the return of the "Smokin Aces" of Detachment THREE from an eight month deployment, and the return of the "Witch Doctors" of Detachment TWO from a 6 month deployment. It was great to see everyone home again and the reunions with family and friends. Both detachments completed their post cruise inspections, and then took some much earned post cruise leave.

With the continual cycle of commitments, the Battle Cats deployed two detachments this spring. The "Narco Ninjas" of Detachment FOUR deployed for a Counter Illicit Trafficking deployment, and the "TBDs" of Detachment SIX deployed to the Western Pacific. At Homeguard, Detachments TWO, THREE, FIVE, and SEVEN are gearing up for deployments early next year.

Spring also saw three major evolutions at Homeguard. Leaving the hangar spaces we called "Battle Cat Country" for over 25 years, the squadron relocated to a newly renovated portion of the hangar. We're now in the process of painting and "personalizing" our new home to make it our own. Thanks to LCDR Lawrenz, LT Quezada, LT Myslinski, LT Hill, ADC O'Brien, and all of 1st Lieutenant for making the move a success. While still unpacking, the squadron then successfully completed our annual Search and Rescue and Air Combat Weapons and Tactics Evaluations – both of which received outstanding grades from the inspectors. "BZ's" to LT Bondurant, LT Kraus, PR1 Hook, AWR2 Cross and AWR3 Venzke for their efforts! All of this took place while supporting our dets at sea and executing full flight schedules.

On June 4th we welcomed home AZ2 Ricci Patterson from an Individual Augmentation (IA) assignment. After nearly a year in Iraq, AZ2 directly contributed to the war's effort, helping to ensure the freedoms and liberties of all Americans. Three other Battle Cat Sailors are still deployed on IA assignments. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

As we head into the second half of 2010, we bid "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to CMDCM(AW/SW) Samuel Riebel, who enters the Fleet Reserve on July 8th after 28 years of service to our country. He has served as the squadron Command Master Chief, our Senior Enlisted Advisor and advocate, since 2007. I wish Master Chief Riebel and his wife, Emily, success in all their future voyages. Thank you, Master Chief, for 28 years of outstanding service to our nation, and for all your superb support and sage advise while supporting the Battle Cats. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!

CDR John Bushey

CMC's CORNER

Battle Cats, Family and Friends,

Hello! I hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend. For those that were able to make our summer picnic, I hope you had a good time and used the opportunity to “rub elbows” with your extended family. A hearty congratulations goes out to our Sailors that were promoted from the most recent advancement cycle. They were: AT2 Cronkhite, AD2 Cruzfigueroa, AT2 Everett, AT2 Landing, PR2 Roman, AM2 Twyman, AD3 Beach, AD3 Biggs, YN3 Emilien, YN3 “Pleats” Reynolds, AZ3 Swift, LS3 Sun, LS3 Shillingford, and AMAN Murdock.

It was nice to see Detachments TWO and THREE return from highly successful deployments. Your Sailors performed admirably in support of the “Global War on Terror” and were excellent ambassadors of HSL 43, our Navy, and our great Nation. Their performances were even more remarkable after they returned with very successful post-deployment inspections. Our “Narco-Ninjas” of Det FOUR are currently deployed in support of the “War on Drugs”. Additionally, it sure was nice to get four of our Individual Augmentees (IA) back from their arduous assignments. Welcome Back to SKC Nicolas, AT1 Younger, AD2 Fregoso, and AZ2 Patterson.

As I “ride-off into the sunset” and enter the Fleet Reserve, I want you all to know what an absolute privilege it has been serving as Command Master Chief onboard the finest helicopter squadron in the Fleet. My tour has been extremely rewarding. I thank each and every one of our Battle Cats for making me feel welcome and right at home. Master Chief Kathi Carmack will be reporting in late July as the new Command Master Chief and I know that she'll share the same enthusiasm and concern for our squadron family that I have for these last few years as your CMC. I also want to thank our Ombudsman Team for making my job much easier and helping to make all our personal challenges just a little easier to cope with as we meet the demands of military life. My family and I wish everyone at HSL-43 all the best. Take Care!

Sincerely,

CMDCM(AW/SW) Samuel T. Riebel

Ombudsman Notes

Hello Battle Cat Families:

Spring is here. We are so blessed to live in an area that the weather is good 99% of the year. Take advantage of our city and what it has to offer. Make sure when you shop ask if they do military discounts. Recently Home Depot started giving 10% up to \$300 purchase. Plus there are great things to do in San Diego: Beaches, parks, camping, amusement parks and Balboa Park FREE Days. They are as followed:

First Tuesday-	Reuben H. Fleet Science Center San Diego Model Railroad Museum San Diego Natural History Museum Centro Cultural de la Raza
Second Tuesday-	Museum of Photographic Arts Museum of San Diego History Veteran's Museum and Memorial Center
Third Tuesday-	Japanese Friendship Gardens Mingei International San Diego Art Institute/Museum of Living Artist San Diego Museum of Art San Diego Museum of Man
Fourth Tuesday-	House of Pacific Relations San Diego Air & Space Museum San Diego Automotive Museum San Diego Hall of Champions
Always FREE-	Botanical Gardens International Cottages Timken Museum of Art

- www.balboapark.org or call (619) 239-0512
- www.knotts.com/public/admission/prices/deals
- For a lot more ideas visit a MWR: www.mwr.navy.mil or call North Island's MWR at (619) 545-9576

Sincerely,

HSL-43 Ombudsman Dionna Loiselle

Department in the Spotlight Administrative Department



The “World Famous BattleCats” of HSL 43 recognize the magnificent Administrative Department as May 2010 Department in the Spotlight.

The Administrative Department is comprised of experts from just about every administrative field including Personnel Records, Educational Services, Career Counseling, Public Affairs, Legal, Force Protection, Information System Technician, First Lieutenant (1st LT) and Auxiliary Resale Office (ARO). The emphasis is always on customer service. Through determination and teamwork, this team comes together and answers the call to duty.

The Admin Office is the liaison for business and correspondence requiring the Commanding Officer's review. It maintains the squadron's instructions, notices and provides customer service relating to officer and enlisted personnel matters. It oversees the administrative functions of the squadron and publishes the Plan of the Week. During the past five months, the Admin Office has processed more than 550 pieces of correspondence including 120 Evaluations and Fitness Reports, 130 Leave Requests, 35 Personnel Transfers and Gains, 75 Travel Arrangements, 55 Legal documents including Power of Attorney's, notaries and Commanding Officer's Non-Judicial Punishments, and 15 Security Clearances requests. Additionally, the Admin Office processes more than 150 command awards to recognize BattleCat Sailors for their outstanding contribution to the Squadron, the Navy and their Country. The following awards were presented to deserving BattleCats: Flag and Command Letters of Commendation, Plane Captain Designations, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medals, Senior, Junior and BattleCats of the Month and Quarter, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement and Commendation Medals, and a Meritorious Service Medal.

The Administration Department is led by LT Johnny “Johnny Q” Quezada. LT Quezada’s experience in Admin spans over 25 years. His additional duties are Legal Officer, Command Security Manager, Force Protection and Diversity Officer.

The Admin Office Leading Chief Petty Officer is YNC(AW) John Harris. He is responsible for the operations of Admin and is the Command Managed Equal Opportunity (CMEQ) Officer.

PS1(SW) Rodrick Hall is the squadron Personnel and Education Service Officer, Government Travel Card, and Citizenship Coordinator.

YN1(AW/SW) Nelson Munoz, the Admin Office Leading Petty Officer (LPO), ensures all correspondence is ready for CO’s approval. He is also the Command Fitness Coordinator.

NC1(AW/SW) Nicky Fairley manages all Reenlistments, Extensions, Career Development Boards, and Perform to Serve (PTS) entries. She has processed more than 25 reenlistments with the last five months.

YN2(AW/SW) Carlo Deguzman is the 1st Lt and ARO LPO. He manages six junior Sailors in the day-to-day operations of food services division and the upkeep of all squadron spaces. His team always maintains spaces in inspection ready condition.

IT2 Nicolas Galloway, the Information System LPO, and IT3 Angel Cruz are the command’s Information System Technicians (ITs) and they oversee and manage the command’s network security and all deployable assets. Additionally, they manage computer users trouble tickets and message traffic.

YN3 Edgar Dumlao, YN3 Sean Reynolds, YNSN Floyd Armstrong are the heart and soul of the admin office. They are the clerks that produce all the hard work in the office.

Recently, the Admin Office welcomed two new members to the team. YN2 Elias Rodriguez from HSC-8, and YNSA Shaun Linnell from Yeoman “A” School. Both will make great additions to the impressive team of admin personnel.

The Battle Cats Welcome Home from IRAQ AZ2(AW/SW) Ricci Patterson!



We Proudly Salute our Individual Augmentees



IRAQ

AD2 Rabbi



KUWAIT



HORN OF AFRICA

LSC Nicolas



GITMO

YNSA Emilien



AFGHANISTAN

Hot Lines

Battered Women (Shelter)	619-234-3164
Child Abuse Hotline	858-560-2191
Access +	800-479-3339
National City Police	619-336-4400
Naval Hospital (E.R.)	619-532-8275
Poison Info Center	800-876-4766
San Diego Police	619-531-2000
San Diego Sheriff's Dept.	858-565-5200
Duty Officer/OOD (NBSD)	619-556-1246
Center for Community Solutions	
Crisis	858-272-1767
Information	858-272-5777
Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) Crisis	619-692-5909
Information	619-553-4744
Women's Resource Center (Oceanside) Crisis/Info	760-757-3500

Intervention

Adult Abuse	800-510-2020
Area Agency on Aging	858-495-5885
Family Stress Counseling Services	619-691-1331
Family Advocacy Program (Spouse/Child Abuse)	619-556-8809
Social Advocates for Youth (SAY)	619-565-4148

Consumer Information

Better Business Bureau	619-496-2131
CA Dept. of Consumer Affairs	800-952-5210
Consumer Credit Counselors	
Mission Valley	619-497-0200
South Bay	619-498-0600
Internal Revenue Services	800-829-1040

Alcohol and Drug Abuse

AL-Anon Alateen	619-296-2666
Alcoholics Anonymous	619-265-8762
Detoxification/Inebriation Center	619-232-9343
NarAnon Family Group	858-492-8720
Narcotics Anonymous	619-584-1010
Substance Abuse Rehab. Clinic	
Centralized Scheduling	619-553-0373
Naval Station	619-556-7633

Commissary and Exchange**Commissary Stores**

Imperial Beach	619-437-9478
MCAS Miramar	858-577-4516
Naval Base San Diego	619-556-7199
NAS North Island	619-545-6560

Exchanges

NAS Imperial Beach	619-424-2901
Marine Corps Recruit Depot	619-297-2500
MCAS Miramar	858-695-7288
Naval Amphibious Base	619-522-7400
Naval Base San Diego	619-544-2100
NAS North Island	619-522-7222
Naval Base Point Loma	619-221-1099

Movie Theaters

MCCS Miramar	858-577-4143
Naval Station San Diego	619-556-5568

Family Assistance

Allotment Finance Center	800-346-3374
American Red Cross	619-542-7400
Branch Medical Clinic	619-556-8114
Chaplain's Office	619-556-1921
Child Care Center	619-556-7466
Child Care Resource/Referral	619-556-8491
CREDO	619-532-1437
DEERS Enrollment Center	800-334-4162
Dental Clinic	619-556-8240
EFM Enrollment Office	858-577-9955
Family Member Dental Program	888-622-2256
FFSC	
Deployment Programs/Services	619-556-8709
Relocation Assistance	619-556-7404
Ombudsman Coordinator	619-556-8709
Spouse Employment Assistance	619-556-9866
Transition Assistance Program	619-556-9866
Health Benefits	800-242-6788
Claims	800-930-2929
Dental	800-866-8499
Housing(Referrals/Assignments)	619-556-8443
Legal Assistance	619-556-2211
Naval Medical Center Information	619-532-6400
Naval Medical Center Appt.	619-532-9484
Navy Campus	619-556-4922
Navy Child Development Home	619-556-7391
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society	619-556-8283
Personal Property (Household Goods)	619-556-6683
Retired Activities Office	619-556-8987
Retirement Pay Assistance	800-321-1080
TRICARE Out Patient Clinic	
Clairemont	619-569-6664
Chula Vista	619-585-0099

Community Assistance

Armed Services YMCA	858-751-5755
Base Information	619-556-1011
Public Assistance Hot Line	619-557-0422
Lawyer Referral Services	619-231-8585
Legal Aid Society	619-262-0896
Military Outreach Ministries	877-895-5942
New Parent Support Team	619-556-8175
SD College Vocational Ed	619-584-6500
United Pan-Asian Community	619-232-6454
United Services Organization (USO)	619-235-6503
United Way "Infoline"	619-230-0997
VA Medical Center San Diego	858-552-8585
VA Regional Office	800-827-1000
Victim Witness Assistance Program	619-531-4041
WIC	800-500-6411
YWCA (Administrative Office)	619-239-0355

Fleet & Family Support Center SD

Naval Base San Diego	619-556-7404
NAS North Island	619-545-6071
Naval Base Point Loma	619-553-8306
FFSC Education & Training Prog.	619-556-8709
Marine Corps Recruit Depot	619-524-5728
MCAS Miramar	858-577-4099
Camp Pendleton	760-725-5361